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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TANAKA ET AL.

Examiner

Jennifer T Nguyen

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4, 7-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to amendment filed on 08/22/2003.
2. The indicated allowability of claims 2 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Stewart. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 2, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 5,302,966).

Regarding claims 2 and 9, referring to Fig. 2, Stewart teaches a display device comprising: a display element (54); a control element (50) for controlling a current to be applied to the display element (54) to drive the display element (54); and a nonvolatile data holding section (60) connected to said control element (50) and capable of holding control data of said control element (50) in a floating state wherein the control element (50) is formed of MOS transistor type element, one of a drain and a source of the MOS transistor type element (50) is connected to the display element (54) and the other is connected to a driving line (48), a gate side of the MOS transistor type element (50) is connected to a control line (46) through the nonvolatile data holding section (60), and plural sets of the display element (54), the control element (50) and the nonvolatile data holding section (60) are formed as each pixel (42) in a matrix (from col. 2, line 49 to col. 4, line 10 and col. 9, lines 24-25).

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Regarding claim 8, Stewart further teaches the nonvolatile data holding section is constituted by a single electron memory (from col. 2, line 49 to col. 4, line 10 and col. 9, lines 24-25).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 5,302,966) in view of Taguchi et al. (Pub. No. U.S. 2002/0153881).

Regarding claim 7, Stewart differs from claim 7 in that he does not specifically teach the nonvolatile data holding section is constituted by an element utilizing a magnetoresistance effect. However, Taguchi teaches nonvolatile data holding section (i.e. capacitor) is constituted by an element utilizing a magnetoresistance effect ([0046], [0269] and page 14, lines 1-6). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the nonvolatile data holding section is constituted by an element utilizing a magnetoresistance effect as taught by Taguchi in the system of Stewart in order to reduce the size of the substrate of display without performing the flattening treatment.

7. Claims 4 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 5,302,966) in view of Adachi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,631,664).

Regarding claim 4, Stewart differs from claim 4 in that he does not specifically teach the

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nonvolatile data holding section is formed of a ferroelectric capacitor. However, Adachi teaches nonvolatile data holding section is formed of a ferroelectric capacitor (22a) (col. 10, lines 48-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the nonvolatile data holding section is formed of a ferroelectric capacitor as taught by Adachi in the system of Stewart in order to increase the speed and writing lifetime of the display device.

Regarding claim 11, the combination of Stewart and Adachi teaches the nonvolatile data holding section (60) is formed of a ferroelectric capacitor which is connected to a gate of the MOS transistor type element (50), and a capacitor (51) is connected between a connecting portion of the gate with the ferroelectric capacitor (60) and a ground, wherein the control data is written to the nonvolatile data holding section (60) by using the control line and the ground (from col. 2 of Stewart, line 49 to col. 4, line 10 and col. 9, lines 24-25 and col. 10 of Adachi, lines 48-65).

8. Claims 3, 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-9 and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to pertinent applicant's disclosure.

Kagey (U.S. Patent No. 6,188,375) teaches pixel drive circuit and method for active matrix electroluminescent.

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Battersby (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,208) teaches active matrix electroluminescent.

Kimura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,722) teaches current driven light-emitting display.

Kuribayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,175,345) teaches electroluminescence device.

Tang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,684,365) teaches TFT-EL display panel using organic electroluminescent media.

Kuribayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,373,455) teaches electroluminescence device.

Hseuh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,587,329) teaches method for fabricating a switching transistor.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Jennifer T. Nguyen** whose telephone number is **703-305-3225**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard A Hjerpe** can be reach at **703-305-4709**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

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should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.

Jennifer T. Nguyen
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hjerpe', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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